

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jim Costa, who represents California's 20th District, is pleased to announce his DC staff.

Scott Nishioki serves as the Chief of Staff for Congressman Costa. Scott recently worked for the American Bankers Association. In the past, he was the Deputy Chief of Staff for Department of Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta and was the Executive Director for External Affairs for Pacific Telesis and SBC. In addition to having been a Chief of Staff in the past, Scott also served as the Staff Director for the House Banking Committee's Consumer Affairs Subcommittee. Scott is a California Central Valley native.

Lisa Shelton is a Legislative Assistant for Congressman Jim Costa and manages the Congressman's work on the House Agriculture Committee. In addition, Lisa serves as the liaison for the Blue Dog Coalition and is responsible for health, immigration and social security. Lisa worked for Congressman Baron Hill for three years where she focused on agricultural issues. Lisa is also a native Californian.

John Drake serves as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Jim Costa. As the Congressman's liaison to the Resources Committee, John oversees water issues, energy, land use and Native American issues. Additionally, he is responsible for transportation issues, foreign affairs and financial services. John formerly served as a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Peter Deutsch, and also served in Congressman Howard Berman's office. John is a native Californian.

Tracy Sherman serves as a Legislative and Press Assistant in Congressman Costa's office. She focuses on issues involving education, housing, the arts and minority rights. In addition, Tracy is the Congressional Hispanic Caucus liaison. Prior to joining Congressman Costa's office, Tracy served as Legislative Correspondent and Deputy Press Secretary for Congressman Richard Gephardt.

Kerri Hatfield is Congressman Costa's Executive Assistant. She recently worked in Senator Breaux's office as a Staff Assistant. Kerri is a native of the California's Central Valley and a graduate of University of Redlands in Redlands, CA.

Janaki Dighe, a recent graduate of UCLA, is the Staff Assistant in Congressman Costa's office. She recently interned with the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Janaki is originally from Northern California.

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